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Attention: Mr. Richard W. Starostecki, Director
Division of Project and Resident Programs

References: (a) Construction Permits CPPR-135 and CPPR-136, Docket
Nos. 50-443 and 50-444
(b) Telecon of May 16, 1984, A. L. Legendre, Jr. (YAEC) to R.
W. Borchardt (NRC Region I)

Subject: Interim 10CFR50.55(e) Report:
Gould Molded Case Circuit Breakers

Dear Sir:

On May 16, 1984, we reported a potential 10CFR50.55(e) deficiency [Reference (b)] regarding Gould molded case circuit breakers. The reportability of this item is under evaluation.

Description of Deficiency

The testing of an incoming shipment of 15 Gould molded case circuit breakers resulted in 10 failing to pass the instantaneous magnetic overcurrent trip test. The 15 breakers were identical; 40-amp trip, Model HE3M040. Approximately 75 of these 40-amp trip Gould breakers supplied in previous shipments have tested satisfactorily.

Safety Implications

We are investigating the cause and safety implications of the subject deficiency.

Corrective Action

We have informed Gould of the subject deficiency. The breakers are being returned by Gould to their supplier, ITE/Siemens-Allis, for inspection. Their response will determine the corrective action. We will submit an additional report to Region I by September 14, 1984.

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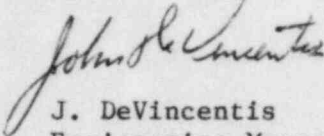
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This letter is being filed pursuant to the interim reporting provisions of 10CFR50.55(e)(3).

Very truly yours,

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